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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER		DATE	February 05, 2020
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER		DOCKET NO.	2019-184-E/2019-393-E
UTILITIES MATTER	<b>✓</b>	ORDER NO.	2020-113(A)*

## THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

## **SUBJECT:**

<u>DOCKET NO. 2019-393-E</u> - <u>Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated for Approval of "Storage Tariff" (Technology-Neutral Avoided Cost Rates for Energy and Capacity for Dispatchable Renewable Generating Facilities);</u>

-and-

DOCKET NO. 2019-184-E - South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding to Establish Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Standard Offer, Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements, Commitment to Sell Forms, and Any Other Terms or Conditions Necessary (Includes Small Power Producers as Defined in 16 United States Code 796, as Amended) - S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20(A) - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Request for Approval of Its "Storage Tariff" (Technology-Neutral Avoided Cost Rates for Energy and Capacity for Dispatchable Renewable Generating Facilities), along with the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Incorporated's Requests That Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Rate PR - Qualifying Facility Storage ("Storage Tariff") of December 30, 2019, in Docket No. 2019-393-E, Be Transferred to Docket No. 2019-184-E and Be Evaluated Pursuant to the Requirements of Act 62; That the Commission Provide Opportunity for Intervention of Additional Parties Having an Interest in the Review and Approval of Said Storage Tariff; and That a Status Conference Be Scheduled to Discuss Relevant Filing Requirements and a Procedural Schedule for Meeting Statutory Requirements of Act 62 Pertaining to Avoided Cost Rates and Contract Terms and Conditions Available to Solar with Storage Facilities, as well as Said Storage Tariff.

## **COMMISSION ACTION:**

On December 30, 2019, Dominion Energy filed its Rate PR Qualifying Facility Storage tariff. As required by the Settlement Agreement between Dominion and the Solar Business Alliance in Docket No. 2017-370-E, the tariff addresses avoided cost rates for energy and capacity procured from Qualifying Facilities that either use storage as a separate resource or operate as a dispatchable renewable generating facility such as solar plus storage.

Through a January 17, 2020 filing, Solar Business Alliance is requesting that this Commission:

- 1. Not consider Dominion's Storage Tariff filing for approval at this time and provide interested parties an opportunity to intervene;
- 2. Set a procedural schedule in consultation with the parties; and
- 3. Evaluate the Dominion Storage Tariff in the Act 62 avoided cost docket 2019-184-E

because (a) the Storage Tariff necessitates changes to the form power purchase agreement or creation of new form power purchase agreements, and (b) Section 58-41-20(A)(2) includes evaluation of the costs and benefits of storage in the avoided cost methodology.

In its response to SBA's request, Dominion contends the Storage Tariff was submitted in compliance with the Settlement and not in connection with ongoing matters in the avoided cost docket. Furthermore, maintaining the Storage Tariff outside of the avoided cost docket does not prohibit "review and comment by interested parties" nor does it prohibit Commission review, in compliance with Act 62.

I move that we deny the request of the Solar Business Alliance to consider the Storage Tariff in Docket No. 2019-184-E. However, I also move that we instruct the Clerk's office to set an intervention deadline and prefile testimony schedule so interested parties can participate.

\* Commissioner Ervin has recused himself from all matters related to Docket No. 2019-184-E as of January 3, 2020, and continuing thereafter.

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